GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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LAND HOLDINGS
UTTAMRAO NATHUJI DHIKALE

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to consolidate Land Holdings all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (c) The land and its management is the responsibility of the respective State Govts., as provided under Entry No. 18 List-II(State List) of the Seventh Schedule to theConstitution of India. The Central Government`s role is advisory and co-ordinating one.Therefore, the Consolidation of Land Holdingsis to be carried out by respective State Governments. An area of 1633.47 lakh acres has already been consolidated in the country upto June,2000. However, as a follow-up action on the Finance Minister`s Budget Speech (1999-2000), this Ministry had written to the State Govts./UTs to ascertain their views about starting orrestarting the Consolidation of Land Holdings. Only five States namelyAndhra Pradesh, Bihar, Nagaland, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh have shown interest to start/re-start the consolidation programme.